

**COMMENT OF
THE DAY**

The Saar

THE first and most obvious conclusion to be drawn from the midnight agreement on the Saar by M. Mendes-France and Dr. Adenauer at Baden Baden on Friday is that the West German Chancellor may look forward with more confidence to ratification of the Paris treaties which provide sovereignty for the Federal Republic and rearmament within the West European Union. The ratification debate begins in the Bundestag in three weeks time and the success of last week's Franco-German talks should go far towards convincing the majority of the disaffected element in Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party that the October 23 agreement on the Saar is now watertight and is unlikely to be prejudicial to Germany's general aspirations insofar as that territory is concerned. But the Friday night agreement does not necessarily put an end to the wrangling over the Saar which has bedevilled Franco-German relations intermittently for over 300 years. The next stage is the appointment of a neutral commission to be named by the Council of Ministers of the projected West European Union to govern the territory. The Saarlanders then have the choice of approving or rejecting the agreement which provides for "Europeanisation" of the territory at a referendum. If they reject "Europeanisation", the present Hoffman Government will continue in office and the Saar will ultimately gravitate towards Germany. If the agreement is approved, three months later there will be elections for a new Parliament in their territory. And finally the Saarlanders have the right to approve or reject the German frontiers to be decided at a peace treaty which Germany will conclude with her former enemies sometime in the future.

A SOLUTION to this problem lies at the heart of a Franco-German reconciliation, for while the Saar's culture is linked indissolubly to Germany, its economy is tied closely to France. In the past the Germans have always maintained that failing the establishment of a European community they would never accept as permanent a solution which left 850,000 Saarlanders (who are undoubtedly German) outside the Fatherland. The French, for their part, could never accept any development that threatened to break up the marriage between Saar coal and Lorraine iron-ore which buttresses the French economy against superior German economic resources. And at the root of the present French objection is the desire not to pass under the control of a "German" Germany. At present France and the Saar provide 35 per cent of the production of the European Coal and Steel Community. Germany provides 45 per cent. If the Saar production went to Germany, the French figure would fall to 24 per cent while Germany's share would rise to 55 per cent.

THE Saarlanders generally recognize France's need of their coal-rich valley to match the potential of the Ruhr. And they see, just as clearly, the need for the Lorraine ore for rearmament with Germany. They would be no match for a Ruhr working on cheap Swedish ores; their high level of prosperity would fall and a large-scale unemployment would almost certainly follow. The Saarlanders want to keep the present economic union with France but they also want the use of the Saar. The Franco-German referendum and elections will allow them to express their views fully and if from these polls there emerges a Saar which meets the approval of both the authors who "woo" her as a treaty ally, the Saar will become a "free" state, which will be able to use her resources for the benefit of all.

**The Snow
Thaws:**

The Winter Misery: Episode II

Rivers Overflow In Southern Counties BUT THE BIG FREEZE CONTINUES IN SCOTLAND

A fast thaw brought widespread floods to Southern England today, sending rivers gushing over their banks and raising others to danger level. But the thaw did not reach the North, where ice and snow blocked more than 40 main roads and isolated hamlets in the North of Scotland. Early today many west country farms were inundated by overflowing rivers. Villages around Bath were cut off by floods which forced people into upstairs bedrooms.

Rescuers went out in rowing boats to save marooned families, who were cared for in a hastily established rest centre in Bath. In the Midway Valley of Kent, the floods were the worst for years. In other southern districts many key roads were under several feet of water. Fog fell in the west today to add to road hazards, cutting

visibility in some places to ten yards. In the north, snow was still falling. Meteorologists forecast more snow on the way for all areas. Force snow squalls still swept over Scotland where yesterday helicopters dropped food to snowed-out villages. In Europe, floods threatened cities and farm land in France and West Germany, as the rivers

Rhine, Seine, Rhone, Saone and Saar rose steadily, swollen by heavy rain and melting snow. The Rhine flooded land on the French bank for half a mile, and millions of gallons of water were threatening Strasbourg. At Karlsruhe, it reached its highest level since 1944. Near Metz, villagers at Haut Concourt cheered from their first floor windows as a wedding party passed down the street to the ceremony in small boats. Week-long rains and melting snow raised the Seine in the Paris region to near emergency levels.

BIG REBEL LOSSES IN BITTER COSTA RICA BATTLE

San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. 16. Heavy losses were inflicted today on rebel invaders in fighting around Santa Rosa, Costa Rica, a government communique said tonight.

A rebel plan for the second time today struck the town of Liberia, close to the rebel-held pocket in the north-west of this rugged Central American Republic, but with little effect. A communique from Costa Rican staff headquarters claimed that material captured from the rebels had established the complexity of "foreign government" in the invasion.

BLANKET MARKINGS It said that the captured material included blankets marked "GN" which it is alleged, stand for the Guardia Nacional (Militia) of the neighbouring state of Nicaragua.

The investigating commission, sent here by the 21-nation Organisation of American States, has named Nicaragua as the source of some of the material entering Costa Rica. The commission, which has been due to leave for Nicaragua today at the invitation of the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, Senor Sevilla Sacasa, has postponed its departure until Monday morning.

PRESS CENSORSHIP Costa Rica's President, Jose Figueres, returned to the capital tonight after a personal visit to the front. Press censorship is to be imposed here from tonight. Other developments today were:

● The town of Santa Rosa has fallen into the hands of revolutionary forces, official sources said. Santa Rosa is about 25 miles from the Costa Rican frontier with Nicaragua.

● The Organisation of American States team confirmed that a rebel DC-3 plane had been shot down in flames in the La Cruz area in north-west Costa Rica.

● One man, believed to be a journalist, was killed and 30 others wounded on the government side, in a battle between Government forces and rebels which broke out yesterday, in north-west Costa Rica, according to unofficial estimates.

● The United States Ambassador, Mr. Robert Woodward, announced tonight that four foreign correspondents reported missing after a three-hour battle near Santa Rosa were "safe" under government lines.

● Four United States Marine Corps and a Canadian Army unit will leave today for Costa Rica.

Hillary May Join Antarctic Expedition

Auckland, Jan. 16. Sir Edmund Hillary, joint conqueror of Mount Everest in 1953, said today he would willingly join the proposed Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition in 1957 but had not yet been asked.

Tentative plans so far envisage a New Zealand party to establish bases in New Zealand's Antarctic territory and meet the main expedition, party crossing the South Pole from Vahsel Bay on the Weddell Sea.

Commenting on a report that Sir John Hunt, leader of the Everest expedition, was keen to explore the Antarctic, Sir Edmund said he would join any expedition led by Sir John.

If New Zealand did not send a team, he would join the British Expedition if possible.

LEAVING IN DECEMBER The expedition, which plans to cross the Antarctic continent in tracked vehicles by passing in South Pole, hopes to leave Britain in December this year.

Dr Vivian Fuchs, leader-designate, disclosed this at a press conference today.

Dr Fuchs, replying to questions, said he considered Sir Edmund Hillary would be the right man to lead the New Zealand team if the New Zealand Government agreed to take part. —Reuter

'Metal Diviner' To Search For The Queen's Lost Watch London, Jan. 16. The Queen plans to hire a professional "metal diviner" to find the "prized" watch which she lost in the country estate at Sandringham last week, the Evening Standard said today.

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In Hongkong: It's Getting Milder

It could well be said that the Colony's climate is now getting milder, according to the Royal Observatory this morning. At 9 a.m. today the thermometer registered 44 degrees, the lowest temperature last night was 47.0 degrees and the maximum 59.1 degrees.

Flood waters from the Upper Reaches of the Murrumbidgee and the Yarrong have been rendered worse by the rain which fell over the river to a greater degree than the authorities at first expected. Meanwhile, the rain continues.

From the provinces come similar reports of rivers far beyond normal levels.

The Donggong in the south-west has flooded some of the rich growing land.

People in many small towns and villages have been rendered homeless by the flood waters.

From Tokyo come reports that at least 14 fishermen were still missing off the coast of Kyushu and transport services were disrupted by a blizzard which has been raging since Saturday night. —All Agencies

'Atoms For Peace' Talks Today

New York, Jan. 16. Scientific groups from 12 countries will meet at United Nations headquarters tomorrow to begin preparation of the first international conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy to be held this summer.

The conference, which will take place some time in August under United Nations auspices, was approved by the General Assembly at its last session as part of President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" plan. —Reuter

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Young Prince's Plea To Ex-King Peter

London, Jan. 16. Nine-year-old Prince Alexander was responsible for the recent reconciliation of his parents, former King Peter and Queen Alexandra of Yugoslavia, the former King revealed her today.

Prince who arrived here with the former queen from Paris, told news men that "it was really through Prince Alexander, our son, that we came together again."

He said that Prince Alexander, at a Christmas family reunion, "asked us to get together again. We have made a mistake in being separated and we are now very happy." —France-Press

Japan Hit By Heavy Earthquake

Tokyo, Jan. 17. A heavy earth tremor struck Tokyo solidly at 11.25 local time today, beginning with a sound like an explosion and jolting reinforced concrete buildings briefly but violently.

Residents in some of the more flimsy buildings felt the shock more seriously, and many rushed out of doors in a panic.

After the first shock there was a perceptible continuing wave for four seconds.

One early suggestion was that the shock came from an explosion rather than an earthquake.

No Damage Reports Five minutes after the shock occurred, Tokyo's experts confirmed it had been an earthquake but the epicentre was not immediately located.

After the quick first fearful reaction, the city's life continued normally.

The meteorological observatory reported that the shock felt over the whole of eastern, north-eastern and central Japan.

The police board said no damage reports had been received 30 minutes after the shock. —Reuter

Love Letter Scandal

Cairo, Jan. 16. The Egyptian Government today ordered the desks of school girls to be searched daily for love letters following a scandal involving an 11-year-old girl.

A circular issued to government schools by the Education Ministry told headmistresses to expel any girl found in possession of love letters.

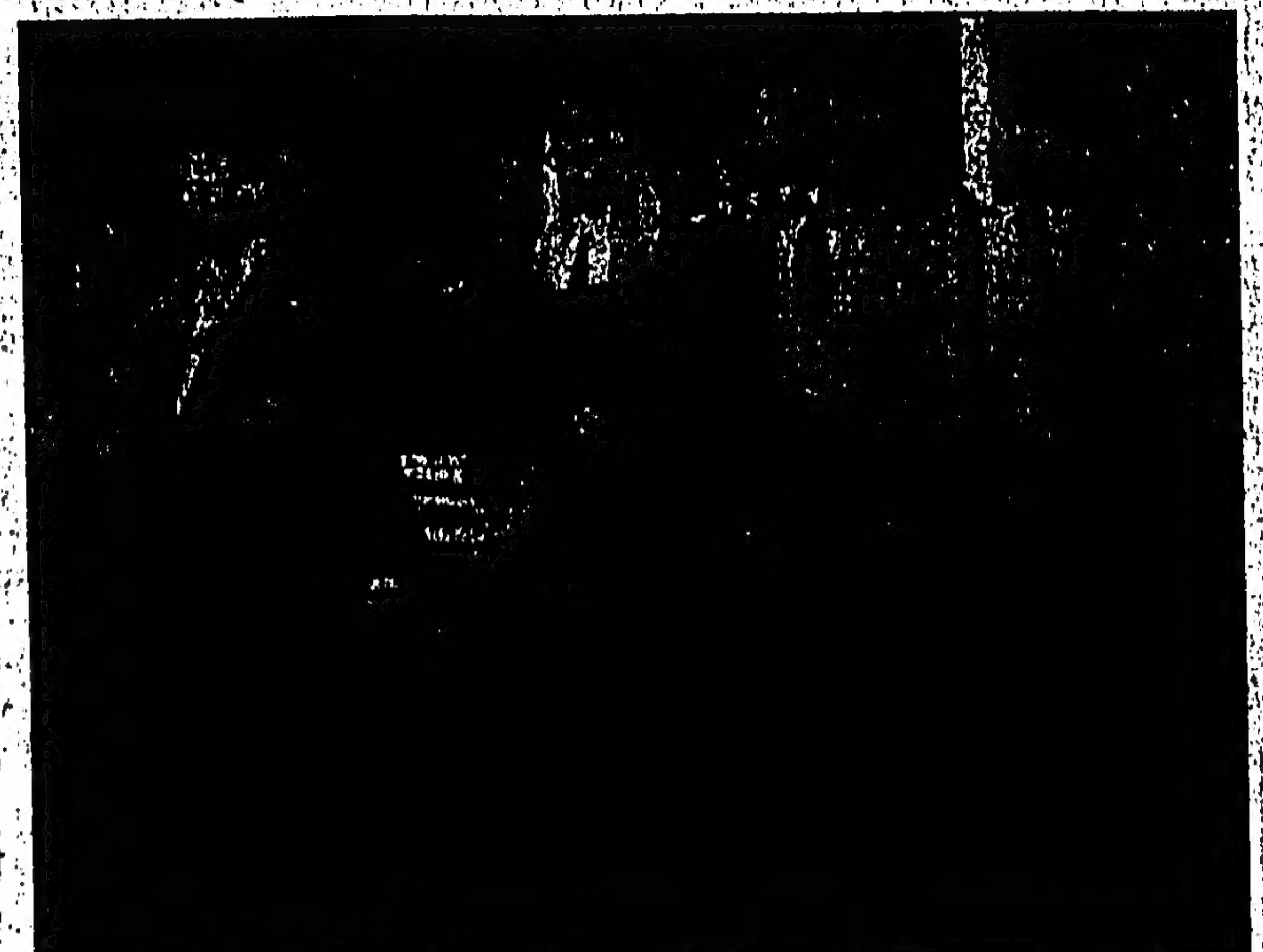
The "love scandal" came to the open on the arrest of 37-year-old Osman, Abdul Hamouda, a court bailiff at Malawi, Upper Egypt, accused of the murder of his mistress, Weidat Osman Hamdi.

Police, who arrested him last week, found letters at his home from both the dead woman and her daughter, Ashgan, one letter bore lipstick markings attributed to Ashgan.

Hamouda is said to have told police that he asked Ashgan to marry him but later began carrying her mother. He was alleged to have confessed that he killed her when she transferred her affections after he had spent all his money on her. —China Mail Special

Freighter Relocated

Penang, Jan. 16. The freighter "Aurora" was today relocated from its original berth at the Penang Harbour to a new berth at the Penang Freeport. The ship was relocated because of the need to clear the way for the arrival of the larger ship "Aurora".



The Head Bailiff, Mr. L. W. Alltree heads the procession from St. John's Cathedral this morning during the traditional ceremony of the opening of the Hongkong Assizes. Behind Mr. Alltree are the Chief Justice Mr. T. J. Gould and the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie and the Rev. J. E. Sandbach. L.A. Col. Stubbs-Bromley and the Rev. Eric Harris.

POMP AND SOLEMNITY AT OPENING OF HONGKONG ASSIZES

Traditional pomp and solemnity marked the opening of the Assizes for 1955 this morning, held in splendid weather, and attended by members of the Judiciary, the legal profession, and many distinguished residents, senior members of Her Majesty's Services and Government officials.

The solemnity of the occasion was emphasised by religious services held prior to the official opening at St. John's Cathedral (Anglican) and at St. Joseph's Church (Roman Catholic).

In the Central Court-room of the Supreme Court, the distinguished assembly heard addresses by the Hon. the Attorney-General (Mr. Arthur Richmond, C.C.) and the Hon. the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. T. J. Gould).

EXTRA MAGISTRATES Mr. Justice Gould, in a review of the work of the Courts during the past year, commented on the pressure of work in the Magistrates' Courts and in the Tenancy Tribunals, and said approval had been secured for the addition of three extra magistrates to the permanent staff, and the creation of another Tribunal.

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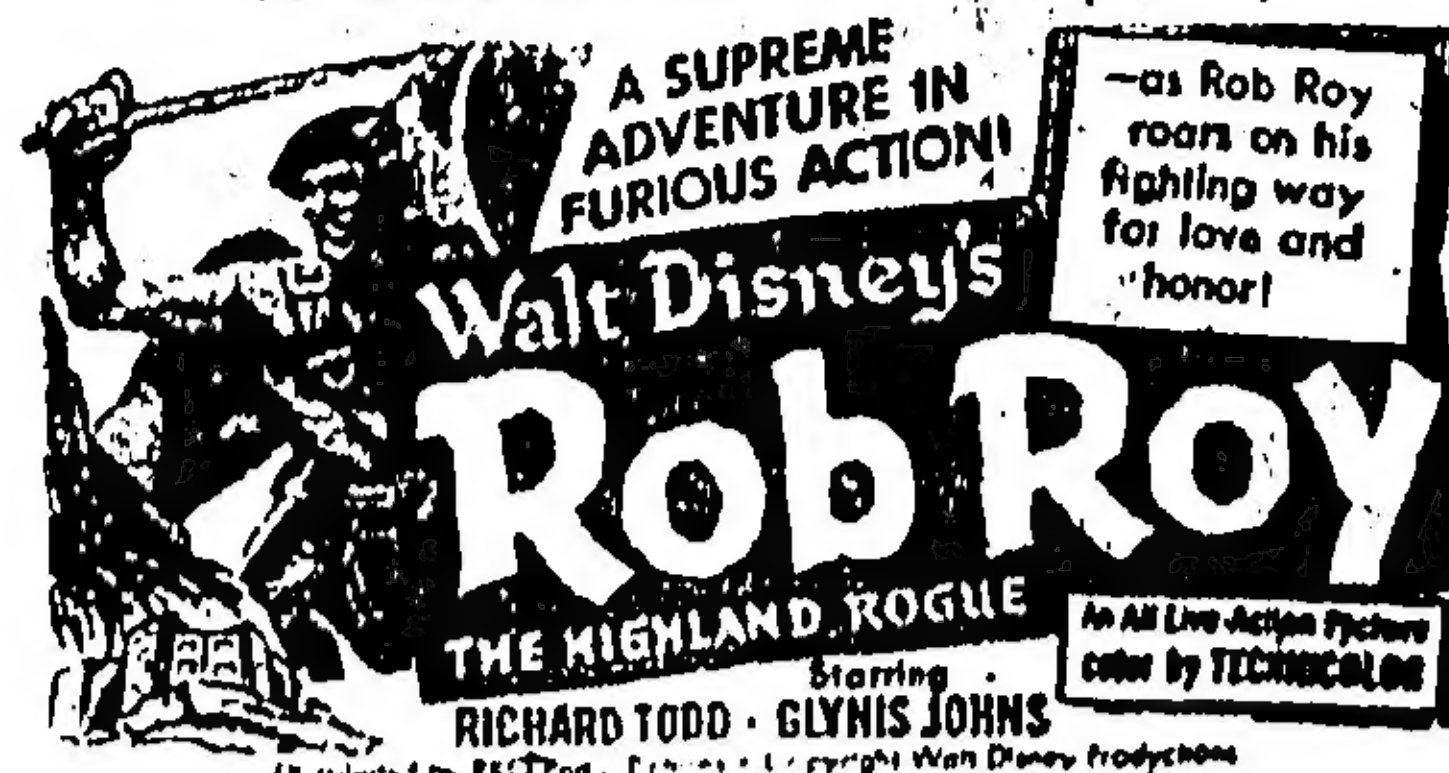
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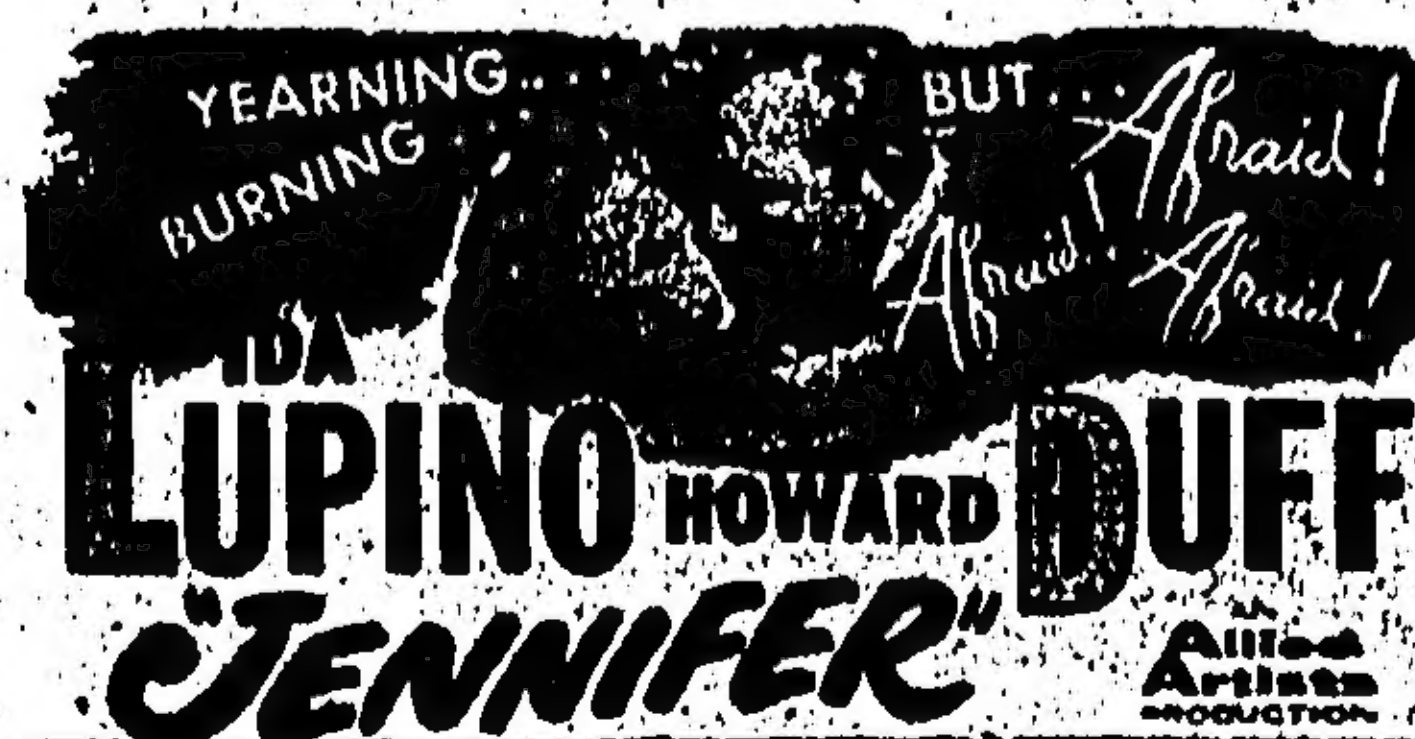


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Popular Republicans

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Their Opposition

PREPARING FOR DEBATE
ON RATIFICATION

Paris, Jan. 16.

The National Committee of the Popular Republican Party today reaffirmed the Party's opposition to the Pierre Mendes-France Government.

The Committee, which has been holding a two-day meeting here, said in a final communique: "The National Committee reaffirms the Party's opposition to a policy which inevitably leads the country to stagnation and regression."

It added: "The creation of autonomous armies and armament industries, which are removed from European integration, gravely menaces the future of existing European institutions...."

Political observers considered that this reference to German rearmament was made with an eye to the coming Senate debate of the ratification of the Paris Agreements.

The Party includes many opponents of the French Premier, such as former Foreign Secretary Georges Bidault, who supported the defunct European Defence Community Treaty. They oppose the Premier because EDC was shelved while he was in power.

The Party was thrown into the limelight on Tuesday when one of its members, M. Pierre Schnitzer, was elected President of the National Assembly in place of Socialist M. Andre Lefevre—Reuter.

'OPPONENTS IN COLD WAR WANT PEACE'

Vienna, Jan. 16.

Both sides in the cold war want peace, Dr Leopold Figl, the Austrian Foreign Minister, declared here tonight.

Nobody wants to unleash nuclear war, he said in a radio address on Austrian foreign policy.

BIG FOUR MEETING

Dr Figl said he was convinced this year would see another "Big Four" meeting "by summer at the latest." This meeting would give Austria her "great chance" of obtaining the state treaty she had striven for in the last ten years.

"What are the chances of Austria getting her treaty?" he asked. "The most vital thing to note when answering this question is that both sides in the cold war honestly want peace. Neither side wants to shoulder the responsibility of unleashing a war with today's nuclear weapons of annihilation. The Great Powers are all showing their strength but we know that humanly we want to avoid another trial of strength," he said. "People are convinced in every capital of the world that ways to a peaceful understanding must be sought."

"Each of the Great Powers is naturally keen not to come off second best in the course of this peaceful understanding. That is why I expect new talks to start at the latest by next summer."—Reuter.

Accuser Sent To Gaol

Coruche, Portugal, Jan. 16.

In a trial here, the accused was acquitted, the accuser was ordered to pay the legal costs and six witnesses for the prosecution were sent to gaol, according to the newspaper "O Seculo".

Emilia Maria de Carvalho had accused another woman, Maria Custodia, of insulting and striking her. Emilia lost the case and had to pay costs.

Two six witnesses, all women, were sentenced to three days' imprisonment because of the bad language they used while giving evidence, the newspaper said.—China Mail Special.

INFRA-RED LAMPS HELP ZOO ANIMALS

London, Jan. 16.

Infra-red lamps, installed over the cages inside the Zoo monkey house, have proved so beneficial that officials have decided to extend the use of the apparatus to specified cages in other houses.

The latest cage to have a lamp installed is that of Wally, the baby South American ocelot, at the Small Cats House.

Wally was born last September and is only the second of his kind to be bred in the gardens in 94 years.

DOING WELL

"Wally is doing very well, but there are possible dangers ahead which we are most anxious to ward off," says an official.

"One of these—and the most to be feared—is distemper. With the benefits of infra-red rays we hope to get Wally safely over the danger stage without trouble."—London Express Service.

Eats Eight Tons Of Worms

Melbourne, Jan. 16.

A platypus in a sanctuary at Healesville, 39 miles from Melbourne, has eaten eight tons of worms and 58,000 egg yolks during its 16 years of captivity.

The platypus weighs only 3½ lbs, but his daily diet is three pounds of worms and eight to ten egg yolks.

It is a full time job for two men to dig enough worms to feed the two platypuses at the sanctuary.—China Mail Special.

ARTIST DIES

Watbury Conn., Jan. 16. Yves Tanguy, French-born surrealist painter, who once described his contemporaries, Picasso and Dalí as "monkeys," has died in hospital here, aged 50.

Tanguy, who claimed that "making is more important than painting," came to the United States in 1939. He was an American-born artist, and was known as "Yves Tanguy" in America.—Reuter.



Dr Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, celebrates his 79th birthday in Bonn during which he was presented with a selection of German dairy and poultry products. Here Dr Adenauer receives the congratulations of his grand-daughter, Monica.—Express Photo.

Lingerie Dummies Will Stay

Rome, Jan. 16.

The owner of a lingerie shop in Turin has refused to obey a request from the police that he should remove scantily-clad female clothing dummies from his windows.

The authorities say the figures are bad for public morals while the shopkeeper says they will remain where they are, unless the police are furnished with a legal warrant.

Turin police are also fining couples found kissing in public places like cinemas and parks.—France-Press.

Possible Discussion On Red A-Offer

United Nations, N.Y., Jan. 16.

Moscow's promise to unwrap its atom-powered electric plant is expected to come up for discussion when a seven-nation committee, including both the United States and the Soviet Union, meets here tomorrow to lay the groundwork for international co-operation in peaceful utilisation of atomic energy.

The committee, set up as an advisory group of scientists by the last session of the United Nations General Assembly, will prepare for an international atomic conference to be held later this year.

WOULD BE LIMITED

The resolution creating the committee called for the establishment of an international atomic energy agency, which, initially, would be limited to certain countries which are presently negotiating on the subject.

The conference, to be held not later than next August, is to examine fields in which the agency could be most useful.

The meeting of the Consultative Committee follows closely on a Soviet announcement that the U.S.S.R. was prepared to furnish the projected international conference with data on a Soviet electric power plant run by atomic energy.

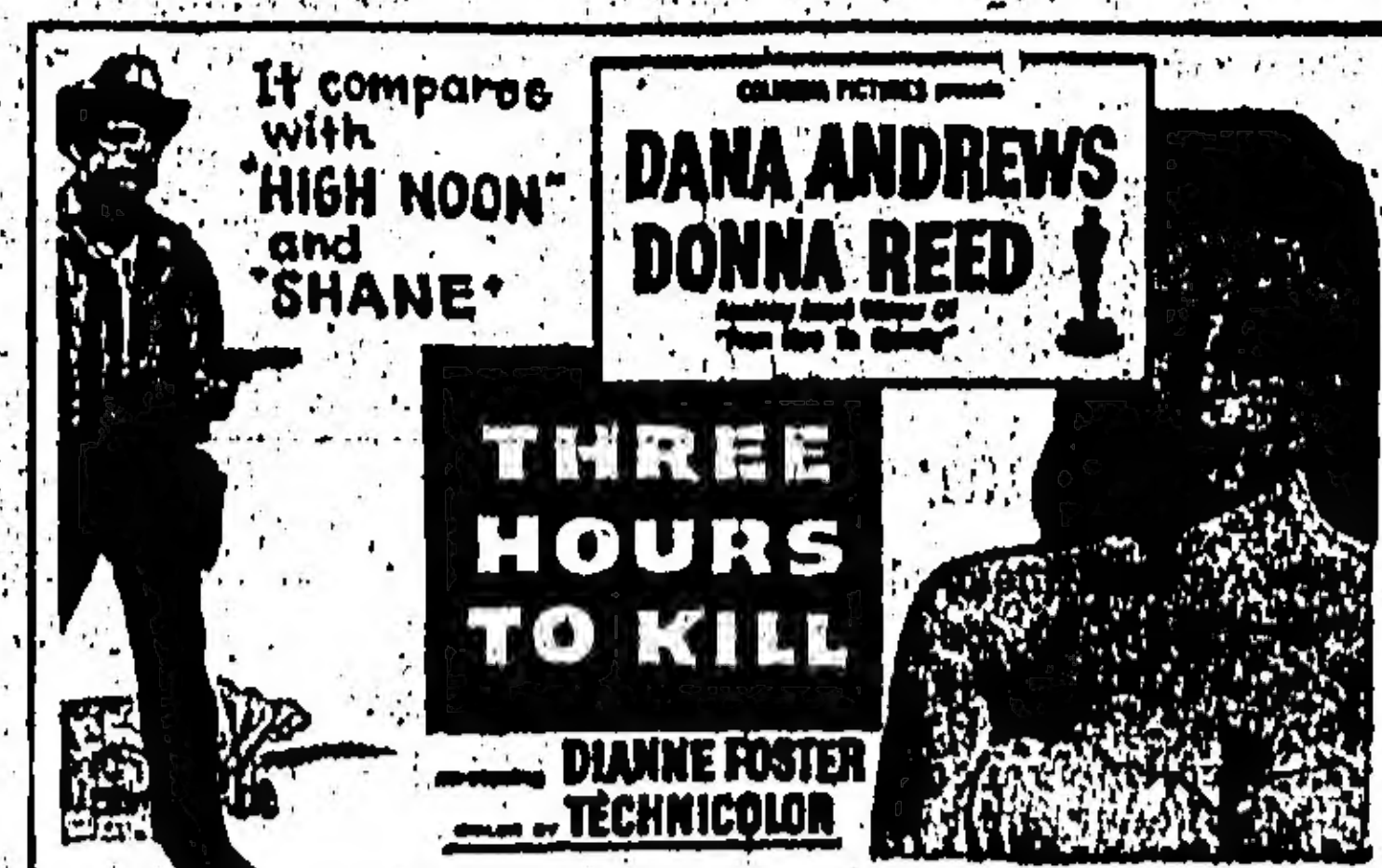
The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, will make an opening speech at the first session of the Consultative Committee tomorrow.

Further sessions will be held behind closed doors.

The Committee is composed of representatives of the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain, India, Canada and Brazil.—France-Press.

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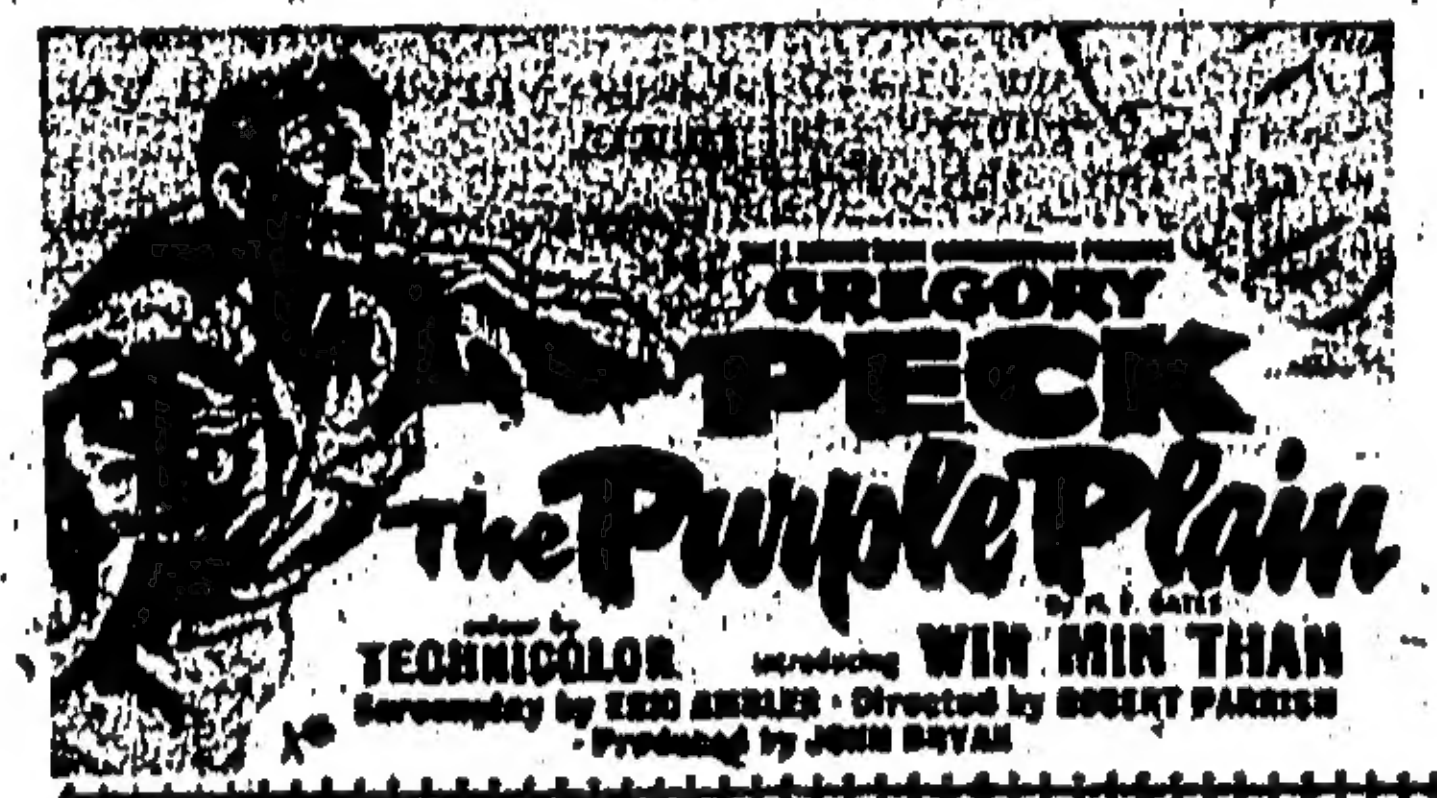
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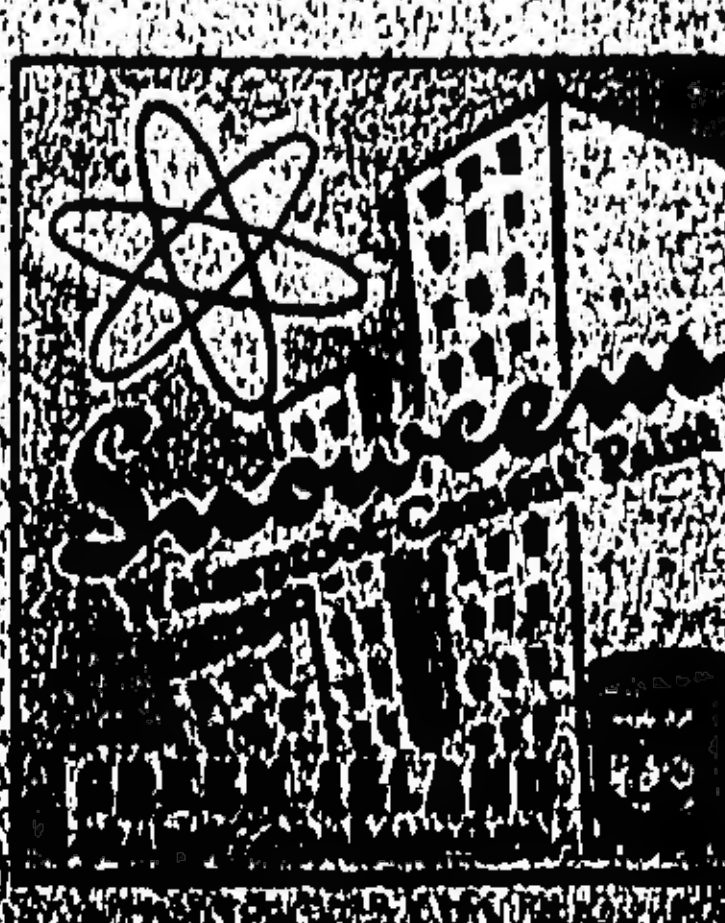
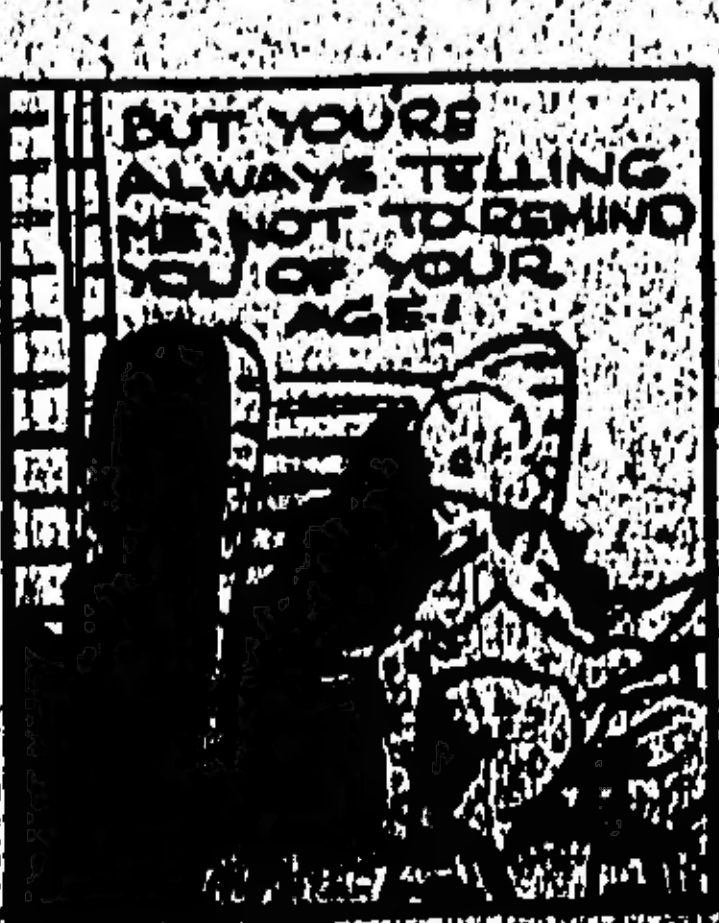
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TURKO-IRAQI AGREEMENT

Discussions Being Held With Other Arab Governments

Bagdad, Jan. 16.

Iraq hopes to extend her proposed pact with Turkey to include Arab countries, officials here said today.

The Turkish and Iraqi Governments were having talks with other Arab Governments with this in view, the officials said.

DEPOSED PRESIDENT GAOLED

Panama City, Jan. 16. Senor Jose Ramon Guizado, deposed yesterday as Panamanian President, was moved to prison last night to await public trial on charges of instigating the murder on January 2 of his predecessor, Colonel Jose Antonio Remon.

He was transferred to prison here in a police patrol car after being held prisoner in his home while the National Assembly considered charges against him. The Assembly subsequently ordered his suspension from the Presidency.

Tomorrow the Assembly will lift the state of siege imposed on Panama on January 2 after President Remon was slain by a hail of machine gun bullets at the Panama City race course.

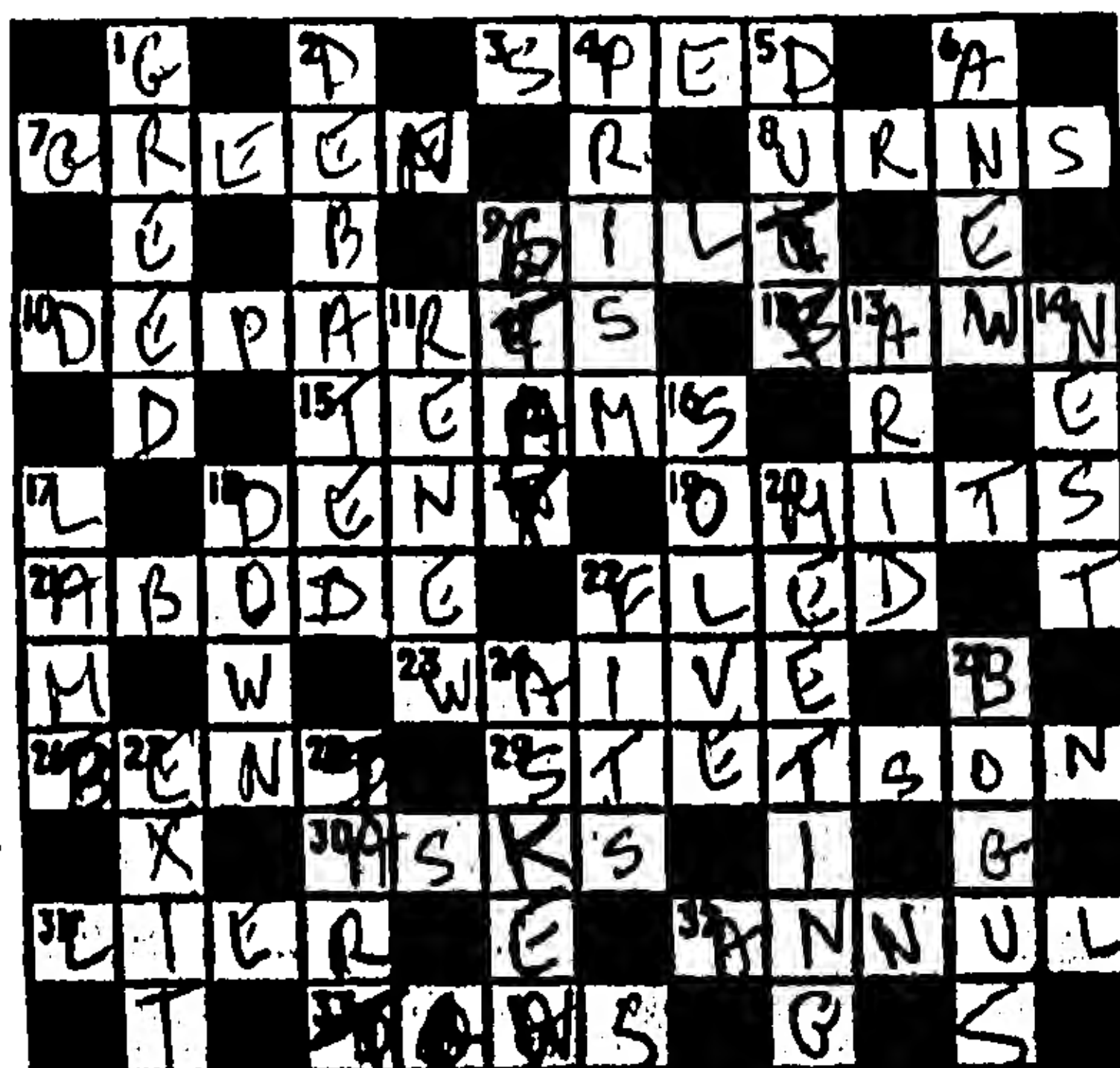
Also detained in jail are Senor Guizado's son, Jose, and two of his business associates, Rodolfo Saini, Malo and Jose Nieves Burgos.

OTHERS

Others in jail are: Dr. Ruben Miro, a lawyer, who yesterday told the Assembly he had killed Colonel Remon and that Senor Guizado knew of the plot, his brother, Carlos, and two other Guizado military associates, Jose Eduardo Tejeda and Luis Carlos Hernandez, alleged to have sold the machine gun to Dr. Miro.

All others arrested following the assassination have been released. They include former President Arnulfo Arias and an American citizen, Martin Irving Lipsman, who was to leave for Mexico today.—Reuter.

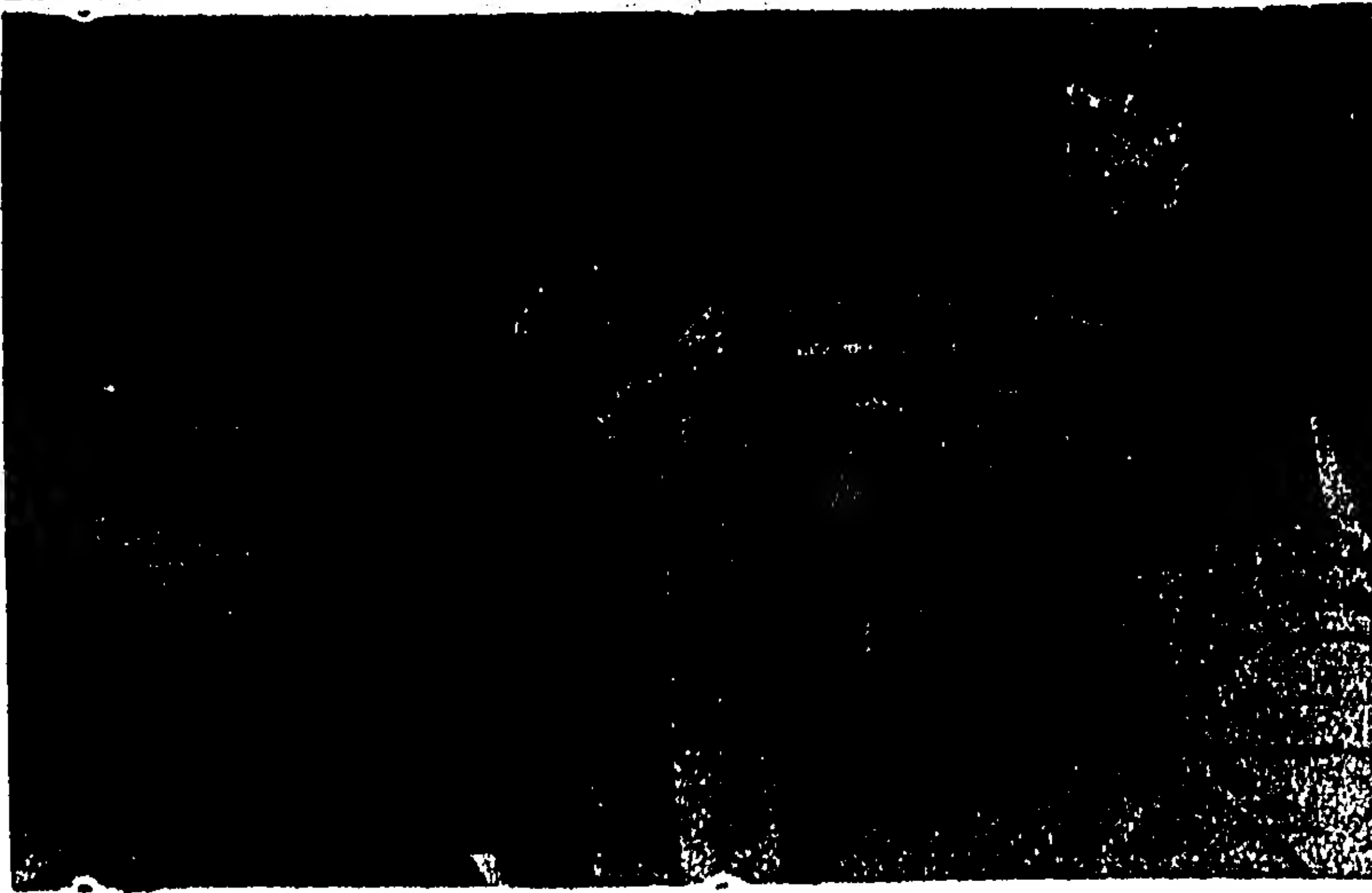
A British Crossword Puzzle



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- Hastened (4).
 - Colour (5).
 - Vases (4).
 - Seizure (4).
 - Leaves (7).
 - Gape (4).
 - Slides (5).
 - Declare untrue (4).
 - Leaves out (5).
 - Residence (5).
 - Run away (4).
 - Relinquish (5).
 - Inclination (4).
 - Larger hat (7).
 - Requests (4).
 - Fibber (4).
 - Canoe (5).
 - Pulls along (4).
- DOWN**
- Avarice (5).
 - Discussed (7).
 - Geometrical figure (5).
 - Tax (4).
 - Afraid (4).
 - Remain (4).
 - Renovate (5).
 - Paraded (4).
 - Bird's home (4).
 - Find the answer to (5).
 - Young animal (4).
 - Fluff (4).
 - Assembly (7).
 - Sponges (4).
 - Crook (4).
 - False (5).
 - Way out (4).
 - Sharp (4).

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The Aga Khan
In Cairo



The Aga Khan followed by the Begum descends the aircraft's stairs on arrival in Cairo to be received by Major Amin Shaker. They intend to spend part of the winter season in Cairo and Aswan.—Express Photo.

Formosa 'Liberation'—But Commanders Are Not Talking

By Russell Spur

Peking, Jan. 17.

The Chinese are determined to "liberate" Formosa.

They never cease saying so. Their belligerent posters are plastered across every hoarding, every Government office and every ancient monument from one end of the country to the other.

Even on the Great Wall of China red letters declare "our Formosan fellow countrymen must be freed from the hands of the aggressors."

There is no doubt that the Communists mean it. Only one vital issue is in doubt. Just when and how they intend to carry out their plan.

TWO PLANS
Red Army commanders are naturally not talking. But it is not just security that seals their lips.

The Communists apparently have the choice of two plans—a stepping stone assault by way of the Nationalist-held off shore islands; or a mass air and seaborne attack backed by Russian supplied submarines and aircraft straight at the Formosan bastion.

The third, which nobody likes to talk about in Peking, is a subtle waiting game, a playing for time in the hope that within a year or two an international

European Arms Pool Talks Opening Today

Paris, Jan. 17.

Britain, France, West Germany and four other nations open talks today on the co-ordination of their arms production as members of the proposed Western European Union.

One feature of the conference, which may last several weeks, is that West Germany will participate as an equal partner with other member nations.

The diplomats attending the talks will consider various proposals on the pooling of arms they need for common defence and their make recommendations to their respective Governments.

FRENCH PLAN
The meeting arises from the Paris Treaties to rearm a sovereign West Germany.

France has put forward a comprehensive plan for a European Pool of Arms Industries. M. Pierre Mendes-France, French Premier, received Italian support for the plan at talks in Rome last Wednesday and qualified support from West Germany two days later.

The French plan, presented as a basis for discussion, would restrict arms production to targets laid down by the seven-nation armaments production agency. It is partly designed to meet an anticipated competitive rush in the rearming of 12 West European nations.

NATO REPRESENTATIVES
Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg will be represented at the talks by their representatives to NATO.

Failure to adopt the French plan in its entirety, is not expected. The final French realignment of the Paris Treaties.

ARMED
Two Yugoslav ministers employed by the Bureau of Development Cooperation have departed for the north-west border of Yugoslavia.

Little Frog: Big Surprise

Cape Town, Jan. 16. Robert Aveling, 16, of Cape Town, took a big bite from a nectarine one night. The pip split and a small green frog jumped out.

Describing the experience, Robert said: "I was sitting up in bed eating some super nectarines my mother had bought from a hawkier. There was an exciting play on the radio and I took a specially big bite."

"The pip split and I looked straight into the beady little eyes of a tiny frog. It jumped against my nose, fell on to the bed and started hopping all over the place."

Dr. Walter Rose, an authority on frogs, identified the species as a young *Microbatrachella capensis*, a rarity—China Mail Special.

BANKNOTE PAPER CHASE

Poitiers, S.W.

France, Jan. 16. With flashlights flicking in the dark, French gendarmeries last night started a paper chase for one, five and ten thousand franc banknotes along the road from Lusignan toward La Rochelle, Southwest France.

They started the chase after M. Cadet of La Rochelle discovered that he had given from Lusignan to La Rochelle a trail of banknotes which had flown out of his open wallet.

The wallet was wedged on the top of his car.

M. Cadet told the gendarmerie that he had put the wallet in the top of the car when paying for petrol at Lusignan but after a chat with the garage man he had forgotten to put it back in his pocket.

When he arrived at La Rochelle, the wallet was still on the top of the car but empty. It is 65 miles from Lusignan to La Rochelle.—France-Press.

Street Singers On Strike

Paris, Jan. 16.

"We are the soul of Naples. Do they want to kill the soul of Naples by starving us?"

Thus spoke the Naples street singers who went on strike recently. For ages, they have toured cafes, restaurants at cocktail time and during meals, singing love songs with accompaniment of guitars or mandolins.

Even in winter cafe terraces were crowded with people "entertained" and drinking appetizers. Naples' street singers held a huge meeting recently, under the chairmanship of Pasquale Giordano, and decided to form a guild. They demanded a minimum salary obtained by cafe and restaurant owners putting an extra charge on their bills for their talent.

NOT NEGOTIABLE
"We are not negotiable," the street singers said, adding that it would be years

for cafes and restaurant owners to do this. The latter are, however, reluctant.

"Street singers—they say—earn more than regular orchestra players. We tolerate them but some customers find it unpleasant to see places pushed under their noses and singers seeking for money."

"Of course, some people dislike us," the street singers say, "but the French, the Germans, they love us. Music makes them romantic and they cannot appreciate Naples without our songs."

No one knows how the strike will turn out. "Will they kill the soul of Naples?" street singers are wondering.—France-Press.

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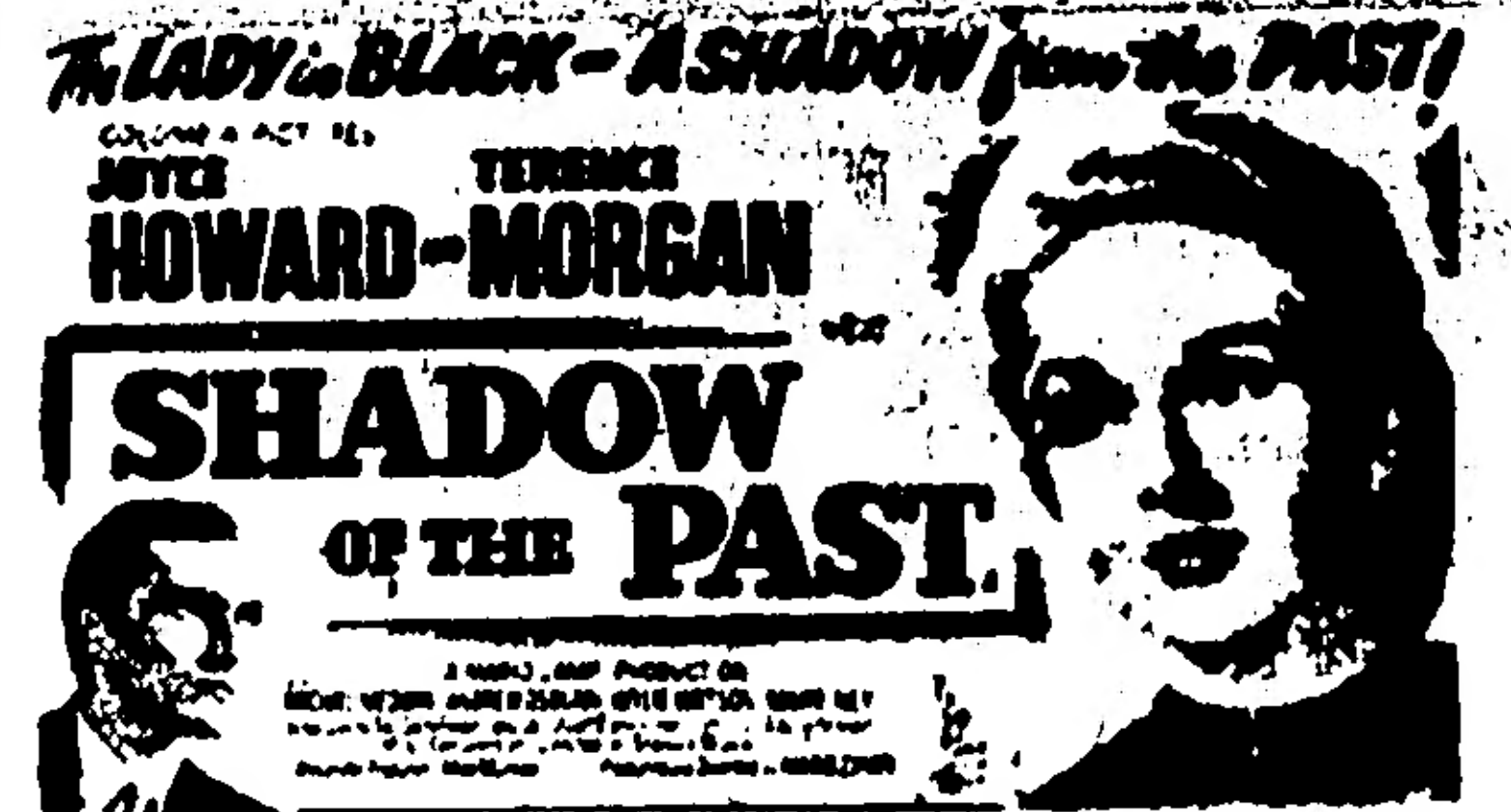
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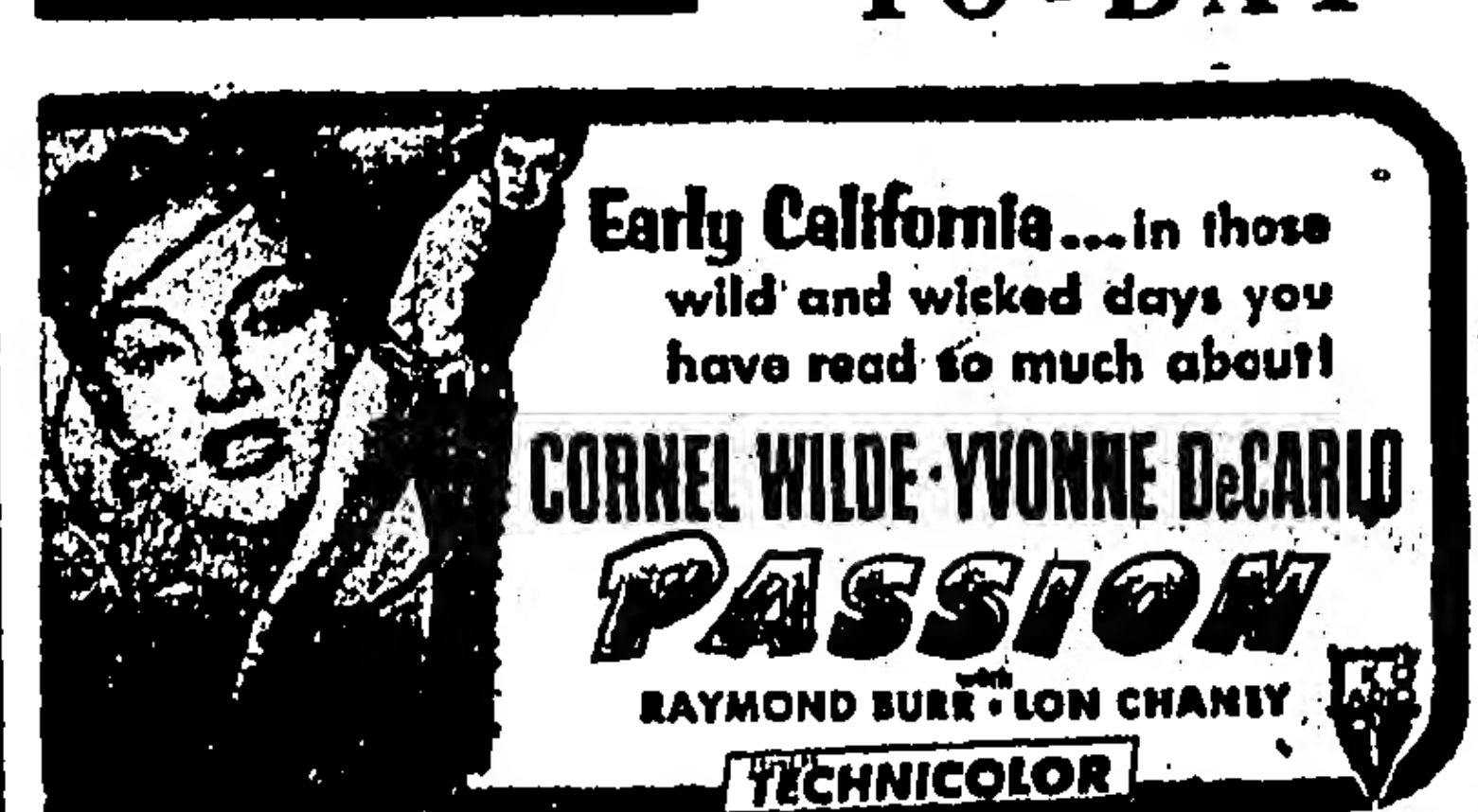
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SATURDAY'S RUGGER

BILL STOKER'S XV THE WINNERS IN A FAST AND FURIOUS THRILLER

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon on the Club ground, in the Taipan's game, Stoker's XV overcame the Commander British Forces team by 20 points (1 goal, 3 penalty goals, 2 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in a fast and furious thriller with the final score giving no indication of the nature of the game.

At the end of the game the Cup, presented by General Sir E. C. R. Mansergh, KCB, KBE, MC to the Club for the winners of this game, was handed over to Petrie, as captain of the winning team, by Commodore A. H. Thorold, OBE, DSC.

Previous to the main event of the afternoon there was a curtain-raiser between Wing Commander J. A. Read's XV and Lt. Col. T. H. Gibbons XV. The latter team won by 9 points (1 penalty goal, 2 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in a fast and furious thriller with the final score giving no indication of the nature of the game.

In the first game of the afternoon Read's team got the lion's share of the ball, particularly from the lineouts, where Griffiths and Harris in outshine the others on the field whilst Hata and Wells were excellent in the loose.

Despite this fact, Read's team never seemed to get going. They were slow in the scrum, with the centre, paring loosely, and it was seldom that the ball travelled as far as he wing before being knocked on.

When it did get out to the wing, Moore showed a lovely burst of speed which left his opponent's behind, and had it not been for Philipotts at full back for Gibbons' XV, Read's team would have scored more often.

In the other team, the three-fifths were well together, and Moore gave them a good steady service and made a few invaluable openings on his own.

Taut on the wing had a very good game and is one of the few wingers at present in the Colony who goes straight into the wing, without running into touch.

Gibbons' XV kicked off, and began to press, but Read's XV cleared upfield with some good kicking. Back and forth surged the play with first one side and then the other looking dangerous.

Gibbons were the first to settle down, and a good touch kick by McGarrity, playing his best game this season, sent them to within ten yards of their opponents' line.

The ball went loose, and Hekison, showing a definite improvement in form, cleared to the 25, where Gibbons were awarded a penalty for offside. Farquharson narrowly missed the kick.

Fangio Wins Argentine Grand Prix

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16.

Juan Manuel Fangio, of the Argentine, driving a German Mercedes car, won the Argentine Grand Prix motor race here today.

Fangio 1954 World Champion, won the corresponding race last year in Maserati.

According to official times, Fangio covered 90 laps in 3 hours 0 minutes, 38.6 seconds at an average speed of 75.10 miles per hour.

Giuseppe Farina (Italy) in a Ferrari was second, and Humberto Maglioli (Italy), also in a Ferrari, was third.

The race, first event counting towards the 1955 World Drivers' Championship, was run under a blizzing sun, which affected most of the drivers, including British ace Stirling Moss, who was making his first track appearance in the Mercedes team.

Only seven finished, Moss being one of those forced to drop out.

Fangio gets eight points towards the World Championship and also one point for the fastest lap—one minute 48.3 seconds.

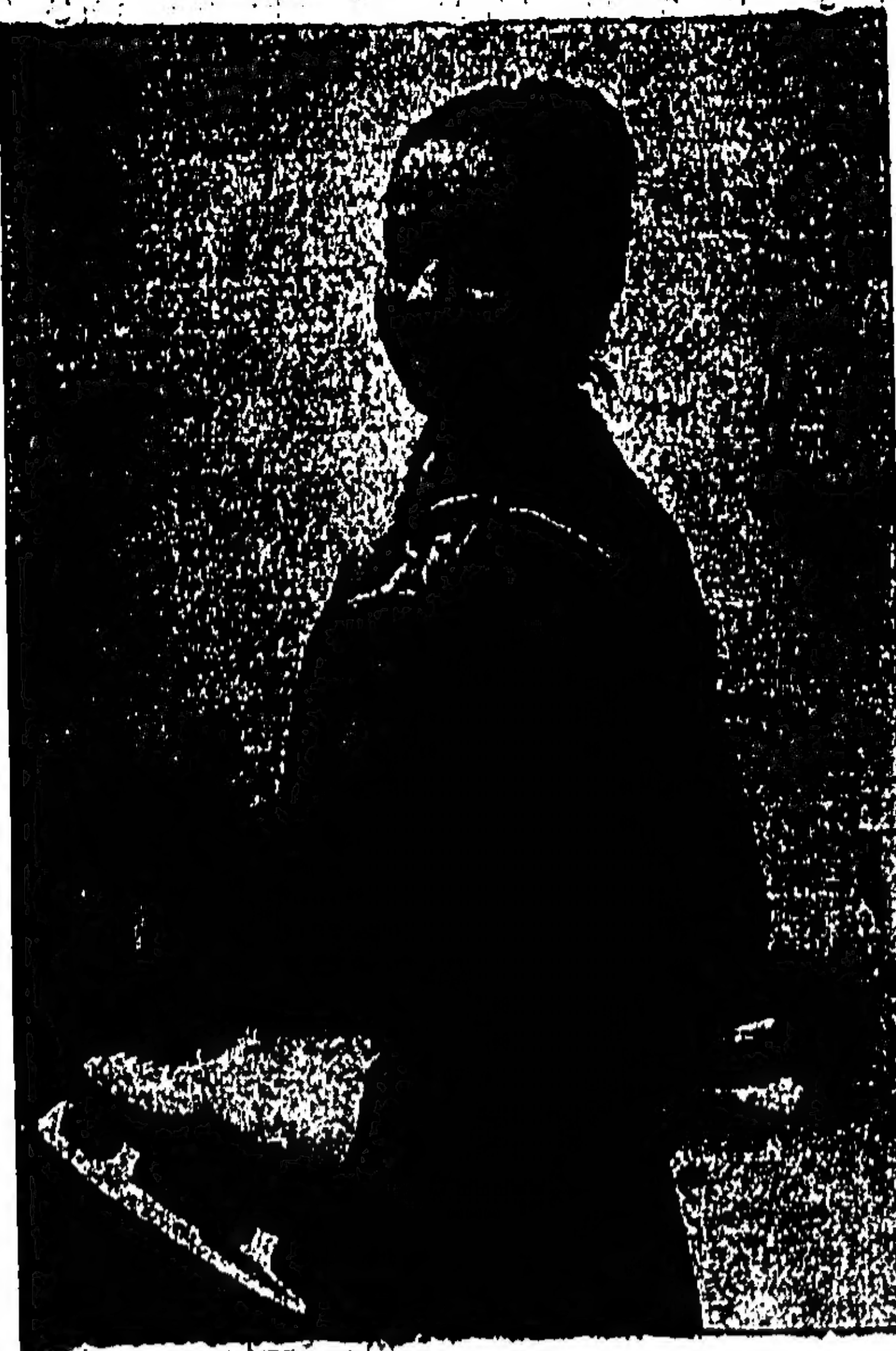
President Peron and more than a quarter of a million spectators watched the race.—Reuter.

Italy Beats Belgium

Bari, Jan. 16.

Italy beat Belgium 1-0 in an international soccer match here today.—Reuter.

CHAMPION SKATER



British Skating Champion Yvonne Sugden at London Airport prior to leaving for St Moritz where she will prepare for the European and World Championships.—Express Photo.

Spotlighting The Three-Year-Olds Of 1955

Solarium Will Stay For The Derby

By JAMES PARK

While Royal Palm is likely to be Sam Armstrong's hope for the 2,000 Guineas, more faith will be reposed in Solarium as a Derby prospect. This colt won two of his three races and, as one of them was over the Old Mile at Ascot in soft going, he has something more than a turn of speed to commend him.

The other victory was also gained at Ascot but, as he did not have a quotation in the ring and returned more than 53-1 on the Tote, it can only be assumed that he surprised the stable.

I liked the look of the beautifully framed colt in the paddock that day but did not expect him to win. Perhaps the trainer was just as surprised when the colt fought on well over the sixth furlong.

RIGHT SIZE

On the score of looks Solarium will hold his own in any company. He is of just the right size and perfectly balanced. Bred by the late Mr. James V. Rank, the colt is brown and does not take after his sire, Hypocrite, in colour.

The dam is Superior Stud, who was bred at the Sledmere Stud. The next dam, Superior, was a daughter of Lady Buzzer, one of the foundation mares of Fred Darling's stud.

Solarium is a half-brother to Promotion, who won over a mile and a half but was probably better at a mile and a quarter. I should say there is a reasonable prospect of Solarium staying a mile and a half, but I am not sure he is quite as good as he looks. If he is, he could go a long way.

CONSISTENT

North Cone is rated with a 11b. of Solarium, but has no classic engagements. North Cone was a model of consistency, winning three of his six races.

He missed me on the only occasion he failed to gain a place. That was in a six furlong nursery at Newmarket, which I thought he would win, but, after having as good a chance as anything going into the Dip, he faded up the hill like a non-stayer.

Geoffrey Berling, who trains the colt for Lord Ellesmere, was by no means convinced he had made a mistake. So the colt was sent to Sandown to run over seven furlongs in the Solario Stakes.

WAITING ORDERS

This time the jockey had waiting orders. Sierra Nevada looked to have settled the issue with less than a furlong to go when North Cone appeared from nowhere. Producing a fine turn of speed, he finished full of running to win cleverly.

That made me realise I had misjudged North Cone at Newmarket. There are many horses who cannot stay six furlongs if asked to go along all the way but who can get a longer distance if asked for a run at the finish.

I doubt whether North Cone will race above good handicap rank, but he has the scope to make at least normal progress. As a son of Signal Light, something round about a mile should hold out in one himself on the 10th green last month.

HOLE-IN-ONE

On Friday last Mrs. Blanche Walker held out in one on the sixth green at Black-O. She will now have her name inscribed on the Viking Cup which was presented to the Club by Mr. Wallem, who it will be recalled, held out in one himself on the 10th green last month.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Pegg Pulls Army South Out Of An Awkward Position At Sookunpoo

By "GOOGLY"

Recreo fought an uphill battle against the strong Army South team and went down by four wickets to give the soldiers four extra points to retain the leadership of the First Division of the Cricket League.

Recreo were very unfortunate to lose their first three wickets for only 30 runs. Had they been more alert they could have avoided throwing away these wickets. But Eddie Gosano and Mickey Remedios soon put things right and their partnership put up 47 runs, before both fell to Clark. Clark did all the damage and finished with figures of eight wickets for 36 runs in 12.3 overs, four of which were maidens.

The soldiers opened with Witball and Model, but they too lost their first three wickets for 36 runs and this time Gerry Gosano did the damage. At one stage Army were six for 80 and then Pegg went in to save the soldiers from an awkward position. He contributed a useful undefeated 40 that made all the difference.

It was only two weeks ago that KCC pulled a last-minute win over R.A.F. On Saturday they did it again and this time Optimists were their victims.

Kowloon Cricket Club batted first and amassed a huge score of 177 runs for five wickets declared. Topping the batting honours were Pat Dodge with 68 and Coffey with an undefeated 67.

When the Chater Road side came in to bat they lost Leader, Pickett, and Salmon with only 31 runs on the board.

Then Rory Macpherson stepped the rot and batted contentedly to be top scorer for his side with 87.

With only one over to go, Optimists were nine wickets down with four runs needed for a victory when their last man, Hughes, was clean bowled by Jenner to give KCC the points.

Thanks to a fine knock by Weller (98), Scorpions had no difficulty in beating University by five wickets. HKU put up a respectable score of 190 but found their opponents just a shade better.

Army North were held to a draw by R.A.F. at Kai Tak. The soldiers had first knock put up 170 runs. In reply the almsmen could only make 132 for six before stumps were drawn.

Police pulled off another fine win over the Navy in a low scoring match at Happy Valley.

There were two upsets in the Junior Division. IRC "B" beating Dockyard by four wickets and KGV beating the strong R.A.F. team by 23 runs. The IRC bowlers were in deadly form with A. M. Omar taking six wickets for 18 runs and Arthur Rumbold three for four to give them a grand victory over their more fancied opponents.

In the remaining games Army and KCC had easy victories over Recreo and DBS respectively.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Army South	12	8	1	3	35
KCC	11	7	2	2	30
Army North	11	6	3	2	26
RAF	9	5	2	2	22
Recreo	11	5	4	2	22
Police	11	5	3	1	21
Scorpions	10	4	6	0	16
Optimists	10	4	6	0	16
Navy	11	1	9	1	5
University	9	0	9	0	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Army	11	7	2	2	30
Police	12	7	4	1	29
RAF	12	6	3	3	27
KCC	11	6	3	2	26
IRC "A"	10	6	3	1	25
IRC "B"	10	6	3	1	25
Recreo	9	5	2	2	22
Dockyard	13	6	2	2	22
DBS	12	4	7	1	17
Navy	12	4	7	1	17
KGV	11	3	7	1	13
University	9	0	9	0	0

£1,000,000 In Overall Losses

Liverpool, Jan. 16. Overall losses as a result of the cancellation of football pools in Britain yesterday were estimated at about £1,000,000 here today.

Bad weather postponed 41 British Football League games on Saturday afternoon. As a result forecasts of probable winners by millions of people throughout the country were made void.

The losses were made up of Government—about £48,000 in tax; Post Office—about £27,000 in duties on postal orders; Pools firms—about £400,000 in running expenses, which had to be met without usual profits.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 15th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12 o'clock NOON each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 21st January at—

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.

5, D'Aguiar Street at 5.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, (Chater Road) at 6.00 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards.

N. MIBA,

Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE

PEARCE MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

Over 700,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 21st January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.

5 D'Aguiar Street, at 5.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

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From Our Files 100 Years Ago

To the Editor of the "China Mail,"
Kaukung, 16th January, 1955.
SAY: In copying last week from
the Hongkong Government's own
Gazette certain notifications, you
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Gazette in which they originally
appeared is dated the 7th instar,
when was a Sunday. As a matter
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themselves would have been
known beyond Government
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the Gazette, unless you have
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as Sunday as this date, the notice-
ment, as well as any other matter
which that Gazette may have
contained, one of my chief-est in-
short, Mr. Macleod can daily
exercise the functions of Consul
at Pao-chiao, and Mr. Woodhouse
be authorized to countersign
papers in the Superintendent's
office, as well as in the
interior, if the Proclamation
by the Lieutenant Governor, that
the Queen has been graciously
pleased to approve and confirm
Ordinance No. 1954, "to give
effect to the Statute (No. 10) of
England," is in force.

Opening Of Assizes

(Continued from Page 1)

"Tenancy Tribunal appeals have numbered 100. It is obvious that this volume of work is a heavy burden for the two District Judges—just how heavy may be gauged from the fact that in one criminal case alone 100 witnesses are being called for the Crown."

"By the kind and unvarying co-operation of your department, Mr. Attorney, it has been possible to arrange the Magistrate, as to provide temporarily a third District Judge who has for the time being lightened the burden."

"When I read Sir Gerald Howe's address from this Bench last January there occurred to me the words 'I trust these District Courts will go from strength to strength each year.' It would appear that the hope has every prospect of fulfillment."

OVERWORKED

"I turn now to the Magistrate's Courts. I would like forthwith to express my appreciation of the work which these most overworked judicial officers have done during the past year. It seems hardly possible that the business of 1954 could have been exceeded in 1954, and yet it is so."

In 1953 there was the extraordinary total of 208,819 charges or summonses laid or issued. In 1954 the figure rose by approximately 10,000, the total figure being 276,877; of course a very substantial proportion of this total is comprised of offences such as hawking without a licence, and of traffic offences, which though individually not serious, are in total one of the Colony's major problems.

"Theft is also, however, the pressure of larceny and burglary, already mentioned, which constitutes a large part of the magistrates' burden. Cases of dealing in drugs also, unfortunately, tend to increase."

CONGESTION

The congestion in the Magistrate's Courts has for some time past, I am sure, been a cause for concern to every thinking citizen; and to none more than to myself. Justice cannot be administered in a hurry and yet the life of a magistrate in Hongkong is essentially one of hurry, rush and overwork, which is attested by the figures I have given. Fortunately we have secured approval for an addition of three to the permanent magistracy staff and are using our best efforts to fill these newly vacated places.

"The possibility of easing congestion in the courts by the creation of a simplified procedure for less serious cases, e.g. certain traffic offences, is also being studied."

"One of the notable advances in the year in this sphere has been the taking over of magisterial work in the New Territories from the District Administration. As was the case with the District Courts, when newly created, a substantial increase in the number of cases has been noted in both the Trips and Ping Shan Courts."

"For yet another year the Justices of the Peace have done valuable work in the Magistrate's Courts and I welcome the presence on the bench today of the Senior Unofficial Justices."

TENANCY TRIBUNALS

"The Tenancy Tribunals must be referred to. A sharp upward trend in the number of applications had already been noticed towards the end of 1953, and this trend continued and intensified in 1954; 5,293 applications were filed, as compared with 3,098 in 1953 and 1,466 in 1952."

"The majority of the cases are now brought to determine or reduce rentals, and there is no doubt that the amendments effected to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance in 1953, and the publicity given to them through various channels, has resulted in a much larger proportion of the population becoming aware, and ready to avail itself, of its rights with reference to controlling rents. The arrears of work before the Tribunals inevitably mounted, and despite the appointment in July of an additional officer, the applications awaiting hearing, reached at the end of August the appalling total of 1,466."

"The efforts of the three officers now serving as presidents have reduced the total arrears to 956 at the end of the year, and also approval has now been obtained for the creation of yet another Tribunal. My thanks are due to these officers who have worked hard and bravely and are now the best part under difficult conditions, by the lack of proper staff and resources."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Look! My sister sent me some shots she took on her vacation, and one of her boy friends is our Latin prof!"

Congress Party National Convention

NEHRU OUTLINES INDIA'S NATIONAL AIMS

New Delhi, Jan. 16.
Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said today his country's national aim was "a welfare state and a Socialist economy."

In a 9,000-word report to the All-India Congress Committee—the ruling party's "Parliament"—he said the establishment of a Socialist pattern of society had been implicit all along in the party's objective.

Mr Nehru, who is giving up the party presidency this year, added: "It is right that we should make this perfectly clear now and keep this picture in view at all stages of our planning."

He told the party holding its annual convention at Avadi, South India, this week that it would have to be a pioneer in "the industrial and social revolution which is coming to this country."

ESSEX REGIMENT GUARD

The Guard this year was supplied by the First Battalion, Essex Regiment, accompanied by its Regimental Band.

The Guard was drawn up in two ranks facing the Supreme Court on Chater Road, while the Band played "The Guard of Honour" on the grounds of the Cenotaph.

The General Salute was given as the Hon. the Acting Chief Justice (Mr T. J. Gould), accompanied by the Hon. the Puisne Judges (Mr C. W. Reece, Mr J. R. Gregg and Mr J. Reynolds), Mr Christopher d'Almeida (Registrar of the Supreme Court), and Mr L. A. Allred (Head Bailiff) arrived shortly after 10 a.m.

ST JOHN'S PROCESSION

At St John's Cathedral the procession into the church was followed by the Hon. Justice C. W. Reece (Puisne Judge), Mr William C. Low (Deputy Registrar), Mr L. W. Allred (Head Bailiff) leaving the Mass of the Holy Communion, the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie and the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Lt-Col. Stubbins-Bramley (Deputy Assistant Chaplain-General) and the Rev. R. H. Haggan, Canon Paul, The Rev. Canon L. C. Carr, Canon P. R. H. (Dean of St John's), the Rev. R. O. Hall (Bishop of Hongkong).

Mass at St John's Church was celebrated by Rev. Canon L. C. Carr, Canon Paul, Canon P. R. H. (Dean of St John's), the Rev. R. O. Hall (Bishop of Hongkong).

PAKISTAN: Partition left a legacy of suspicion but I believe we have got over this to a large extent and there is no longer any bitterness between the people of India and the people of Pakistan. Problems remain, but they will no doubt be solved even though this may take some time.

SOUTH AFRICA: We have got to get on with South Africa. We do not wish to interfere with their internal affairs. But we can never agree to a policy of a racial and social discrimination which South Africa has pursued openly and aggressively.

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OTHER POINTS BY MR NEHRU

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NEW PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS PARTY

Bombay, Jan. 17.
Mr U. N. Dhebar, the 49-year-old publicist, was today elected President of the Indian Congress Party for the year 1955.

Mr Dhebar, who has been a member of the Congress Party since 1920, is a quiet, self-effacing man, almost apert in his simplicity. The general public in India know little about him.

But as chief minister of Saurashtra, he has played a leading role in the transformation of the State. Ever since he took office in April 1948, his residence at Rajkot has become a place where people go to meet him as a friend and to ask his advice.

Hammarskjold Brings Encouraging News

New York, Jan. 16.
Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General, has been able to give the United States Government some encouragement to pass on to the relatives of the 11 American airmen imprisoned by the Chinese Communists, usually reliable sources said today.

He passed it to Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States Delegate in a talk he had with him immediately after returning to New York from his recent mission to Peking to seek the airmen's release.

Mr Lodge saw the father of one of the airmen when he went to Omaha, Nebraska, on Friday to report to Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, on the results of the Secretary-General's mission to Peking.

Mr W. G. Farkas, father of Lieutenant Richard Farkas, one of the captured airmen, said in Omaha that he was "quite encouraged" by what he had heard from Mr Lodge.

He added that with the permission of the families of two other prisoners to tell them what he had learned.

Mr Hammarskjold had his first day of relaxation today since he set out on his Peking mission just over two weeks ago.

He spent the day quietly at his New York State country retreat before, and by April, the week his busy round of talks with diplomats on the results of his Peking conversations.

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Search For Opium Smugglers In Singapore Gaol

Singapore, Jan. 16.
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Foreign Steamers Seen Off Lap Sap Mui

Many "hug" steamers, flying foreign flags, were frequently seen off Lap Sap Mui Islands, according to a Masso report, which appeared in this morning's Chinese Press.

The same report said a large tanker was seen off Kowloon in Chinese water on Saturday.

It added that fleets of motor junkies also appeared, along with a large number of cargo heading for Communist China.

Radio Hongkong

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